(v) MDA as an option to rebate is likely to be implemented from 01.04.2004, onwards.

Rural Industrialisation in Madhya Pradesh

198. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National Programme on Rural Industrialization in the Industrially Backward Areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the remarkable achievements made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) In the State of Madhya Pradesh, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have taken up 2 clusters (one each in the districts of Ujjain and Jabalpur) while the Khadi and village Industries Commission (KVIC) have taken up one cluster in Morena District under the National Programme on Rural Industrialization (NPRI). The details of achievements in these clusters are Statement. (*See* below).

Statement

Details of Achievements, so far, in the clusters taken up by various agencies for development under the national programmes on rural industrialisation in the Madhya Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the Implementing Agency	Name of Cluster	Location of the Cluster	Achievements
1	2	3	4	5
1.	KVIC	Bee Keeping	Jaura, Morena District.	1. Rs. 839 lakhs financed for installation of processing plant and providing honey collection kits and Rs. 2.00 lakhs for establishing honey testing laboratory. 2. The Centre extended assistance to 200 bee keepers.
2.	NABARD	Batik and Block Printing and Tie & Dye	Bhairavgarh Ujjain District.	1. Diagnostic Study of the cluster conducted. 2. Madhya Pradesh Hasta Shilpa Vikas Nigam(HSVN) selected as nodal agency to implement the programme.

1	2	3	4	5
				3. NABARD'S promotional programme in the cluster launched in 13th May, 2003. 4. The local entrepreneurs in the cluster have been sensitized of the latest designs and market prferences by a leading fashion designer for the progress of the cluster. 5. HSVN has appointed a block maker and trained in block manufacturing and repairing. 6. Exhibition of cluster products organized by Swashakti Mahila Udyog through NABARD's grant assistance.
3.	NABARD	Blacksmithy	Kundam & Sehora blocks in Jabalpur District.	1. Diagnostic Study of the cluster conducted. 2. Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Madhya Pradesh (CEDMAP) selected as the nodal agency to implement the programme. 3. The programme is scheduled to be launched in December 2003.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

Cottage industries in Assam

199. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any scheme for the promotion of the cottage industries in the rural areas of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government for the promotion of cottage industries during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for the promotion of agro and rural industries, including cottage industries throughout the country including Assam. Under this scheme